

## **JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

Berrien County Trial Court - Friend of the Court  
St. Joseph, MI - May 18, 2007 - **open until filled**

**DOMESTIC INVESTIGATOR** - (\$35,224) Full-time position available in Berrien County, Michigan, with the Friend of the Court. (There are two positions available.)

**REQUIRED** - Bachelor's Degree in Social Work, Psychology or related field; or high school diploma or GED and a minimum of four years of full-time experience in direct human service counseling and/or investigative duties with a criminal justice agency. Possession of a valid Michigan motor vehicle operator's license.

**DESIRED** - Previous social work or related experience.

**DUTIES** - Under general supervision of the Assistant Friend of the Court, conducts investigations and prepares recommendations concerning child custody, child support, visitations, and alimony in domestic relations cases involving minor children. Initiates proceedings to enforce court orders. Conducts field work; visits and investigates home of dependent minor children; investigates school, health and social adjustment of children; investigates financial ability and earning capacity of parties involved in a divorce action; prepares recommendations regarding support and alimony payments; prepares and maintains files, records, and reports; attends and testifies at court hearings; enforces court orders regarding visitation rights, medical bills, and others; other duties assigned.

**BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN** - A great place to live and work. Berrien County is located in the southwest corner of the state. It is bordered on the west by 42 miles of Lake Michigan shoreline and on the south by the State of Indiana. Berrien County has a diversified economic base with its manufacturing, agriculture, tourism, and service industries. With the Lake Michigan resource and 306 inland lakes and rivers, Berrien County is a popular tourism destination, which is enhanced by the unique farm markets that abound within the area. The County's central location (fifty-four percent of U.S. manufacturing and sixty-five percent of Canadian manufacturing are within 500 miles) is serviced by major highways, airports, rail, and commercial ports, which contribute to maintenance of the strong diversification of the economic base.

**APPLICATION FOR THIS POSITION CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE FOLLOWING:**

**PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT, BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
701 MAIN STREET, ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN 49085  
BETWEEN 8:30 A.M. AND 5:00 P.M.**

**JOB HOTLINE (269) 983-7111, EXT. 8919  
BERRIEN COUNTY WEB SITE: [www.berriencounty.org](http://www.berriencounty.org)**

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